

Placer County Sheriff's Office

2020 Annual Report



We Are Essential

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Message from Sheriff Bell



It is my pleasure to present the Placer County Sheriff's Office 2020 Annual Report. I would like to thank all of my team members who contributed to the contents and completion of this document.

The year 2020 will certainly be one for the history books. As COVID-19 swept across the United States, many elements of our society were deeply impacted. In addition to the pandemic-related illnesses and deaths, many of our businesses and even institutions essential to society's fabric were impacted and forced to close.

Our Sheriff's Office remained committed to our duties, and our staff continued to man their posts. I could not be more proud of the men and women who demonstrated their resiliency and dedication to our mission and community with a goal of ensuring our county is a safe place to live, work, and visit. The challenges of the past year have indeed revealed much about society and its response to a pandemic. For me, it revealed much about the men and women who comprise the Sheriff's Office. We are who we thought we were, a family-centered organization that can take pride in the essential services that we provide to our community.

Message from Undersheriff Woo

The year 2020 was a challenge for our nation and Placer County. Navigating the pandemic challenged and tested every member of the Sheriff's Office. I could not be more proud of the men and women who serve this community with distinction, honor, and integrity. Their dedication to duty, and the citizens of Placer County, never faltered. Throughout lockdowns and uncertainty, they came to work every day and protected the place we call home.

This annual report is just a snapshot of the fine work these professionals do daily. As we emerge from the pandemic and begin to return to normal, rest easy knowing that our staff will continue to ensure that Placer County is a safe place to live, work, and visit.



Command Staff



Sheriff Devon Bell



Undersheriff Wayne Woo



Captain Shayne
Wright
Field Operations
Commander



Captain Dave
Powers
South Placer Jail
Commander



Captain Jeff
Swearingen
Auburn Jail
Commander



Captain Darrell
Steinhauer
Tahoe Station
Commander



Captain Troy
Minton-Sander
Support Services
Commander



Jerry Rogers
Administrative
Services Manager

Auburn Field Operations

On December 21, 2020, Deputy Hawley stopped a vehicle on eastbound Interstate 80 and Clipper Gap for illegally tinted windows and driving erratically. A traffic stop was conducted to determine if the driver was under the influence. Upon contact, it was determined the sole occupant was driving on a suspended license. During the initial pre-tow search of the vehicle, a small amount of methamphetamine and a GPS unit were located in the driver's compartment, which displayed driving directions from Visalia, CA to Reno, NV. During the search, Deputy Hawley also found an **11 pound bag of methamphetamine**, paraphernalia,

and a billy club in the trunk. The suspect was arrested and not cooperative with providing information. All evidence was seized by Special Investigations Unit detectives. This seizure was one of the largest the Placer County Sheriff's Office has seen resulting from a traffic stop.



Eleven pound bag of methamphetamine



Day Shift



Graveyard Shift



Swing Shift

Colfax Station



Deputies at the Colfax Substation saw a **21%** reduction in transient-related calls during the COVID-19 pandemic and a **10%** reduction in traffic accidents. The pandemic allowed deputies to do more proactive policing, resulting in a **6%** increase in citizen calls with a patrol response.



The team of 28 deputies, 8 sergeants, and 3 lieutenants persevered through the COVID-19 pandemic and continued to provide the excellent service the Placer County community has come to expect.

The Auburn Field Operations team remained active and worked tirelessly responding to **23,526** calls for service during 2020. Of those calls, 14,229 were citizen-reported, and 9,297 were self-initiated. Sergeants and deputies wrote more than 4,000 reports, conducted more than 3,000 traffic stops, and completed a combined total of 1,846 arrests and citations.

City of Colfax 2019/2020 Annual Statistics

	2019	2020	% Change
Total Calls	2,523	2,167	-14%
Arrests & Citations	159	129	-19%
Reports Taken	356	271	-24%
Traffic Accidents	69	62	-10%
Transient Calls	287	228	-21%
Total Citizen Calls	1,137	1,194	5%
Citizen Calls with Patrol Response	1,083	1,143	6%
Priority 1 Citizen Calls	29	36	24%
Priority 2 Citizen Calls	292	327	12%
Total Deputy Initiated Calls	1,386	973	-30%
Traffic Stops	493	317	-36%

South Placer Station



The South Placer Station is comprised of 45 deputies, 7 sergeants, and 1 lieutenant. South Placer Field Operations handled approximately **20,476** calls for service. Of those calls, 12,324 were citizen-reported and 1,152 were self-initiated. Sergeants, deputies, and field community service officer's wrote 6,530 reports and made 2,025 arrests and citations. Deputies responded to over 3,600 calls for service, conducted 596 traffic stops, and took reports for 106 traffic accidents.



In August 2020, Placer County Sheriff's deputies assigned to the Loomis station responded to a call of a kidnapping in the area of Taylor Road, in Roseville. Detectives began investigating and gathering information on the whereabouts of the suspect. They spotted the suspect's vehicle, a blue Maserati, several hours later on Taylor Road. The suspect, 33-year old Anthony Flemmings Williams of Vallejo, sped off and began driving recklessly, reaching extremely unsafe speeds. Williams was wanted for kidnapping and assault with a deadly weapon. Williams was detained after crashing into a tree on Fulton and Marconi Avenues, in Sacramento County. Williams was subsequently arrested and taken into custody.



Although the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions temporarily paused the Explorer Program and Placer Sheriff's Activity League (PSAL), the South Placer Substation staff continued to be engaged with the community on patrol.

Tahoe Station



The Tahoe Station serves Placer County's North Lake Tahoe area including the towns of Tahoe City, Kings Beach, Homewood, Carnelian Bay, Tahoe Vista, Tahoma, Olympic Valley, and parts of Truckee. The 45 full-time positions at the Tahoe Station serve a full-time population of approximately 10,290 residents. The shift in "work-from-home" status has increased our local population.

The Tahoe Station handled just over **8,100** calls for service in 2020.

Throughout the 2020 pandemic, the Tahoe Station continued to provide essential services for our communities, virtually, and in-person. Although the pandemic shortened the school year, the station's school resource officer was able to pivot to provide other essential services to the school district and students in our communities.



MARINE 6





Homeless camps located in the Dewitt Center

Homeless Liaison Deputies



Homeless Liaison deputies (HLDs) gained voluntary compliance moving many homeless camps from 1st Street and D and E Avenues for the Mercy Housing construction project at the Dewitt Center. HLDs made numerous arrests within the homeless community for drug sales, drug possession, stolen vehicles, stolen property, and violent crimes. Additionally, HLDs have been working with county partners and the Board of Supervisors to enact and enforce a new open alcohol container ordinance for the Dewitt Government Center.

Homeless Liaison Deputies (HLDs) worked diligently to adjust to the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. The team developed new and innovative ideas to address emerging issues and connect the homeless to limited resources. HLDs continued to work with both public and private programs to aid the homeless community. HLDs located multiple families with children living out of their vehicles and connected the families to public and private programs. Additionally, HLDs were able to assist many homeless individuals in finding both temporary and permanent housing.



While housing was one solution, the team also connected the homeless with jobs, Veterans Affairs, mental health treatment, medical treatment, and substance abuse services.



Search and Rescue



Jess Baker & SAR K-9 Shane

In 2020, Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to more than **37** searches. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, SAR volunteers answered the call and donated more than **6,000** service hours throughout Placer County. The SAR team assisted Butte County with the North Complex Fire, searching for potential victims.



In January, Search and Rescue coordinators and Tahoe Nordic SAR responded to Alpine Meadows Resort after a report of an avalanche trapping/burying several skiers. It was reported that a group of skiers had triggered the avalanche on the Subway ski run and several had become buried. Once on scene, the SAR teams discovered the avalanche killed one skier, and another was seriously injured; additional victims had self-rescued, with minor or no injuries. The seriously injured skier was transported to the hospital while searchers assisted ski patrol in probing the mountain to ensure there were no other victims. As a result of the resort closures, the number of visitors to the area was drastically reduced, lowering the number of SAR events for the year.



The Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) helped rescue several individuals during intense critical incidents in 2020. Negotiators play a crucial role in resolving critical incidents, specializing in de-escalation techniques. They are highly trained to negotiate the surrender of a suspect and the release of a hostage. In many cases, the CNT team has been highly successful at negotiating the surrender of individuals attempting to take their own life.



On February 28, 2020, deputies responded to the Foresthill Bridge for reports of a man who scaled the fence with the intent to take his own life. Deputies began speaking to him in a compassionate manner, and learned the man was autistic. Deputies and negotiators gathered recordings of the man's friends and family pleading with him to come back over the fence. After several hours and having part of the fencing removed, the man slowly shuffled towards the opening in the fencing. Once he was on the other side, he was taken to see his family and friends prior to going to the hospital for an evaluation.



Crisis Negotiation Team



Assisting Lincoln PD with Barricaded Suspect



2020 Data

7 CNT Team Callouts – 4 Safe Resolutions

6 Individual CNT Deputy Callouts – 2 Safe resolutions



Eagle Rock & Highway 89



On June 24, 2020, North Lake Tahoe patrol deputies responded to Eagle Rock on Lake Tahoe's west shore, after a citizen called 9-1-1 to report there was a male on the edge of Eagle Rock threatening to jump. Once the first set of deputies arrived, they located the male subject in crisis. Deputies and the California Highway Patrol immediately closed the highway below and the Placer County Sheriff's Crisis Negotiation Team was called. About two-and-a-half hours into negotiating with the subject, Sergeant Mike Beggs arrived on scene. Coincidentally, Sergeant Beggs and the subject knew each other; this familiarity proved to be invaluable. CNT negotiators were able to convince the subject to abandon his desire to jump and seek mental health care. He willingly came from the edge of Eagle Rock and agreed to be transported to the local hospital for evaluation and treatment.

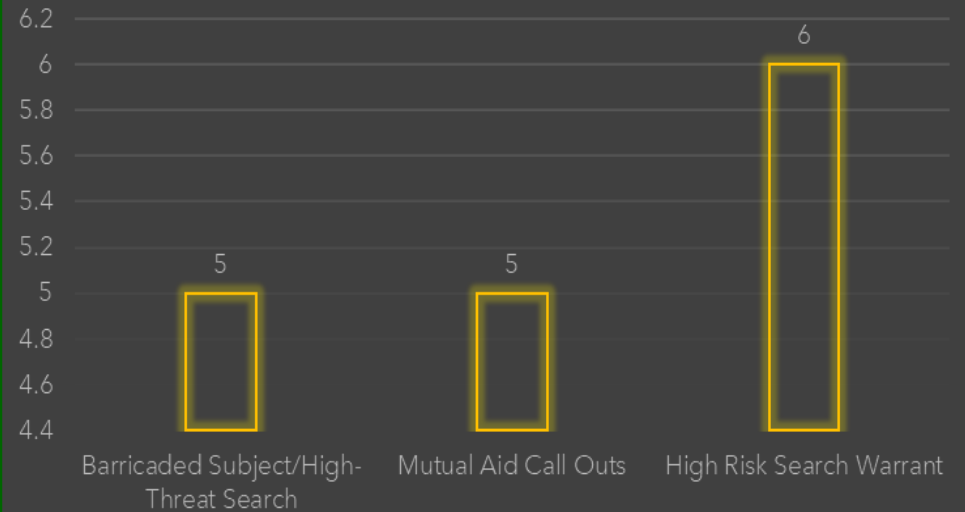


Special Enforcement Team



The Special Enforcement Team (SET) responded to **5** call outs for barricaded subjects and high-threat searches, and **5** additional mutual-aid call outs to assist with riots in Sacramento following the controversial death of George Floyd. SET also executed **6** high-risk search warrants to assist other units within the Placer County Sheriff's Office.

2020 SET Activations



Cal Fire Team Six



Captain Shayne Wright deployed with CAL FIRE on the SCU Lightning Complex



Captain Shayne Wright assisted numerous law enforcement agencies on the Santa Clara Unit (SCU) Lightning Complex incident in August of 2020, which involved the evacuation and repopulation of six counties.

The fire burned **396,624** acres, destroyed **222** structures, and injured **6** people.

Captain Wright helped coordinate evacuations local government agencies from the six affected counties and safely repopulated the impacted communities. The SCU Lightning Complex is the third-largest wildland fire in California history.



Special Operations



Special Operations is the primary investigating unit in the Sheriff's Office for illegal marijuana cultivation and sales.

Due to numerous citizen complaints and the frequency of violent crimes related to marijuana, Special Operations detectives spent the year focusing heavily on marijuana enforcement. Detectives also located multiple wanted felons, conducted narcotics investigations including the seizure of methamphetamine, heroin, butane honey oil labs, illegal firearms, in addition to managing informants and performing computer forensics.



In July 2020, Special Operations detectives successfully conducted the Kings Hill operation. The operation targeted a rural illegal marijuana cultivation in Iowa Hill, and was one of the largest one-day operations in PCSO history. The Kings Hill operation consisted of more than 60 sworn and civilian staff and included nearly every unit in the Sheriff's Office.



Aerial view of the Kings Hill Operation in Iowa Hill

5 Search Warrants

15 Firearms Seized

322.5 LBS of Processed Marijuana Seized

2,031 Marijuana Plants Seized

6 Arrests Made



2020 Stats

Authored **35+** search warrants

Seized **119** illegally possessed firearms

Seized **3,300 LBS** of processed marijuana

Eradicated over **20,000** marijuana plants

Performed **200+** digital forensic examinations

Seized over **\$425K** of drug related money

Seized multiple pounds of meth and heroin



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, civil unrest, and a highly controversial election year, threats to Placer County employees more than doubled compared to previous years. Special Operations detectives dedicated a significant amount of time conducting threat assessments and obtaining restraining orders to protect various entities and employees within the county.



Special Investigations Unit

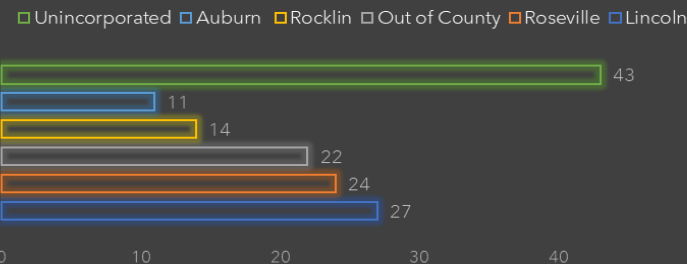


May 2020 PSIU seizure

In April 2020, Placer Special Investigations Unit (PSIU) agents initiated a drug investigation on a subject living in Sacramento who was supplying Placer County residents with suspected Xanax pills and forms of illicit hallucinogenic drugs. PSIU agents executed a search warrant at the subject's residence and seized 424 Xanax bars, 70 LSD gel tabs, five LSD blotter tabs, 80.4 grams of Psilocybin mushrooms, and four bottles of Promethazine Codeine. Additionally, \$1,800 in suspected drug profits were seized and removed from the streets of Placer County.



PSIU 2020 Arrest Data



In total, PSIU detectives made **141** arrests in 2020. Notably, 43 of the arrests were subjects residing outside Placer County. PSIU detectives also seized *\$4.8 million to \$10.8 million dollars* (based on varying quantities and street values) worth of narcotics off the street and close to \$300,000 in asset forfeiture.

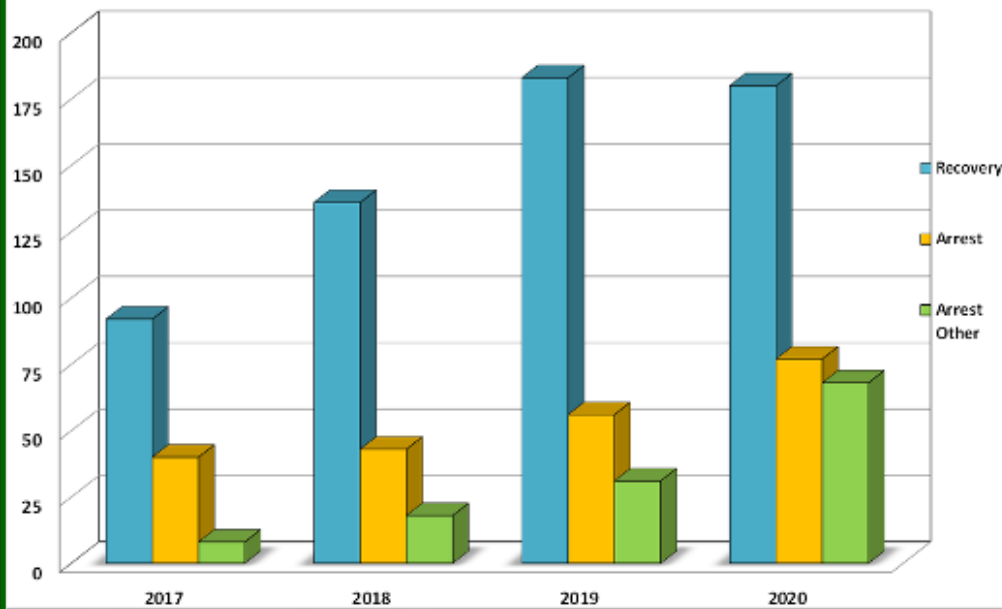


In May 2020, PSIU agents investigated two subjects conducting out-of-state sales of concentrated cannabis products and importing cannabis products into California. The suspects predominantly used the U.S. Postal Service to send and receive concentrated cannabis and bulk currency (drug profits). The subjects used Facebook and Instagram to promote and facilitate drug sales and used money transfer services such as PayPal, Venmo, CashApp, Coinbase, Bitcoin, and traditional banking entities to facilitate illicit and untaxed money transactions. They used a mailing address in Placer County to receive the cannabis and bulk currency parcels while residing at an Airbnb rental property in Citrus Heights. The Airbnb was used to operate a well-organized cannabis packaging, labeling, and shipping operation. On May 18, 2020, PSIU executed an arrest warrant for one subject and two residential search warrants. Agents seized three AR-15 rifles, several high-capacity and drum magazines, a 9mm handgun, a large amount of concentrated cannabis, many items and records associated with the sales of cannabis products, and \$63,723 in bulk currency. In addition to the currency, agents seized two vehicles and one high-value Rolex watch as drug profits pending asset forfeiture proceedings. Agents later identified and seized an additional \$50,097.80 in drug proceeds from the subjects' bank accounts. One subject was booked into the Placer County Jail, while the other subject was released pending the issuance of an arrest warrant. PSIU collaborated with the California Department of Justice Bureau of Firearm-Contra Costa County Firearms Task Force to conduct surveillance of the secondary subject and verify their residence in Brentwood, CA. On September 3, 2020, the Firearms Task Force and PSIU executed a search warrant and seized a semi-automatic shotgun, AR-15, and an AR-15 lower receiver, all of which contained features making them illegal to possess in CA.



Regional Auto Theft Task Force

RATTF Arrest and Recovery activity from January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2020



Throughout the pandemic, Regional Auto Theft Task Force (RATTF) detectives managed to investigate several notable cases while retaining their duty to protect the citizens of Placer County.

In February 2020, a victim of a stolen pickup truck contacted RATTF, as he had located parts from his stolen truck on Craigslist. RATTF detectives conducted an undercover buy of the stolen truck parts in unincorporated West Roseville. During the operation, undercover detectives recovered an illegal assault rifle. A subsequent search warrant revealed five additional illegal assault rifles. The suspect was arrested for numerous felony charges.

In March 2020, RATTF detectives located a stolen vehicle using LoJack in the city of Auburn. The driver admitted to the vehicle theft and was also found to be in possession of documents indicating identity theft. During the investigation, RATTF detectives identified and confirmed more than 25 victims of identity theft, with victims ranging from California to New York.

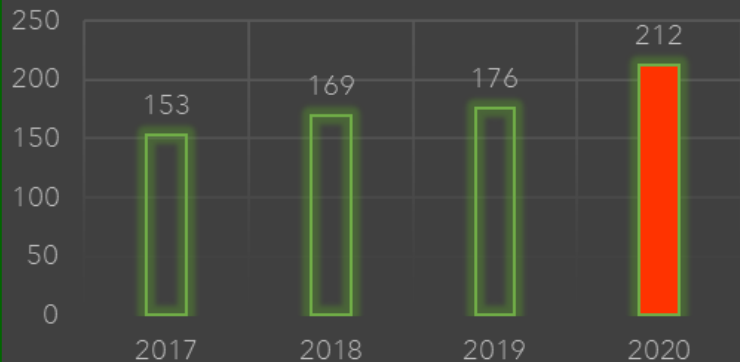


RATTF ANNUAL STATISTICS

	2017	2018	2019	2020	Percentage ^ +/-
Investigations	157	123	165	260	^ 57.6%
Arrests (Vehicle Theft-Related)	40	43	56	77	^ 37.5%
Other Arrests	8	18	31	68	^ 119%
Complaints Filed	11	12	17	40	^ 135%
Arrests (Warrants)	2	7	7	7	-
Search Warrants	9	20	17	24	^ 41.2%
Parole/Probation Searches	25	20	21	52	^ 147%
Recoveries	92	136	183	180	-1.60%
Team Assists	N/A	49	242	383	^ 57.6%
Total Value (Recovery)	\$925,800	\$2,347,566	\$3,040,205	\$2,898,262	-4.70%

Crimes Against Persons Unit

2017-2020 Assigned Cases



In 2020, there was a total of 212 cases assigned to the Crimes Against Person's (CAP) unit. Each CAP detective handled between 30-39 cases. There was a total of **212** cases assigned to CAP detectives for the year. This was a **17%** increase from 2019, indicating an increased trend of CAP cases over the past four years. In addition to the increase in cases, the unit experienced an uptick in frequency of serious crimes. The CAP unit also experienced an increase in robbery cases. Over the past three years, the unit handled an average of eleven robbery investigations per year; in 2020, there were 21 robbery investigations, including several gang-related pharmacy robberies. The CAP unit also investigated three homicides and six attempted homicides.

CASE TYPE

#

Child Abuse (Physical or Sexual)	132
Felony Assault	24
Robbery	21
Sexual Assault (Adult)	16
Attempted Homicide	6
Death Investigation (Non-homicide)	4
Homicide	3
Stalking	3
Elder Physical Abuse	2
Kidnapping	1



The CAP unit also implemented the new practice of having the Investigative Secretary call victims whose case is assigned to a CAP detective. Each victim is then provided direct contact information for the detective assigned to their case. This practice has been implemented to improve communication and enhance the level of customer service we provide to our community.

One of the greatest highlights in 2020 was the recovery of Christie Wilson's remains, which were found in conjunction with the PCSO's Evidence Unit and the District Attorney's Office. Providing closure to Christie's family and friends after 15 years was a blessing and a career highlight for many detectives.



The CAP unit responded to **32** after-hours or weekend callouts in 2020. These large-scale investigations included a sensitive murder/suicide, three multi-jurisdictional homicide/attempted homicide cases, and an attempted homicide involving two juvenile suspects.

The CAP unit applied the use of the new Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) team, which allowed for better officer safety during the service of search and arrest warrants, and improved documentation of crime scenes.



Property Crimes Unit



In 2020, there were **273** cases assigned to Property Crimes detectives, representing an **18% decrease** from 2019. Property crimes are typically the most difficult crimes to solve as they are rarely witnessed, and there is usually little to no evidence to go on. Property Crimes detectives often utilize evidence collected at the scene and pair it with information obtained from online databases to help identify suspects and secure a conviction. Using these advanced investigative techniques, the Property Crimes unit solved an impressive **45%** of the assigned cases in 2020. Many of these successful investigations resulted in the arrest and prosecution of the perpetrators.

Property Crimes detectives worked through many obstacles in 2020, including adapting their investigative techniques to deal with the unique challenges created by the COVID-19 lockdown. Throughout the year, the Property Crimes unit continued to perform at an exemplary level of service to the residents of Placer County.



Identity theft equipment

Mobile Command Vehicle and Quick Response Team



Plane crash site in North Auburn, January 2020

Throughout 2020, the Mobile Command Vehicle (MCV) and the Quick Response Team (QRT) were deployed on various incidents including a plane crash, an attempted homicide investigation, a barricaded homicide suspect, and a missing nine-year-old juvenile. The MCV was also deployed to several mutual-aid calls, including an active shooting incident in Sierra County and a two-week deployment to assist Butte County for a significant wildfire. The MCV and the QRT team have proven to be invaluable and essential resources for the Placer County Sheriff's Office and our regional law enforcement partners.



Critical Accident Reconstruction Team



In 2020, the Critical Accident Reconstruction Team (CART) responded to multiple severe vehicle collisions including a fatal motorcycle collision, DUI injury collisions, and a plane crash in a residential neighborhood. The team utilized advanced digital measuring tools including the FARO 3-D Laser Scanner and other specialized tools to recreate and capture vehicle dynamics preceding a collision. Additionally, the tools helped assist with the arrest and criminal prosecution of felony vehicular crimes.



3-D Faro Scanner



K-9 Unit



K-9 Ruger

In August 2020, K-9 Deputy Rigel was dispatched to handle an alleged assault in Meadow Vista.

Deputy Rigel located the suspect, but the suspect did not obey commands, and became assaultive toward

him. Deputy Rigel was without backup at the time of the assault, but his trusty partner, K-9 Ruger, was steps away in his patrol vehicle. Deputy Rigel released K-9 Ruger from his patrol vehicle to help apprehend the suspect. Additionally, five good Samaritans jumped in to help take the suspect into custody.



Corrections K-9s Rico & King



K-9 Sonic



area where the suspect was located. After several minutes, K-9 Ronin alerted his handler to the odor of a firearm. CHPD officers then searched that area and located a firearm concealed within the foliage.

In October 2020, K-9 Deputy Semenuk and K-9 Ronin were requested by the Citrus Heights Police Department (CHPD) to locate a possible discarded firearm used in a crime. According to CHPD, the suspect was wanted for aggravated kidnapping, assault with a firearm, and being a felon in possession of a firearm. K-9 Ronin was deployed to search the



K-9 Ronin

Honor Guard



The Placer County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard typically attends more than 60 events each year, but due to COVID-19 most events were canceled. The team heavily focused on expanding its members and updating its look. Typically, the Honor Guard is solely comprised of sworn deputies. For the first time, correctional officers and non-sworn staff were added to represent the agency and add additional skill sets. The new members and corresponding talents led to the creation of the Honor Guard Auxiliary Drum Team. The Auxiliary Drum Team will lead the Honor Guard with a snare and bass drum when marching at events. The newly designed drumhead image is the Honor Guard logo and the motto, "Honor the Fallen." The stars embedded within the logo are representative of the PCSO deputies killed in the line duty. The Honor Guard looks forward to showcasing the new team members soon.





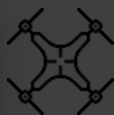
Air Support Unit



PCSO's very own helicopter, "Falcon 30", made the cover photo of The Official Journal of Airborne Public Safety Association's (APSA) magazine, *Air Beat*. The magazine is printed quarterly and distributed internationally to all its members. APSA supports all agencies serving a public safety interest with aircraft on local, state, federal, and international levels, including those in law enforcement, firefighting, natural resources, search and rescue, utilities, emergency medical services (EMS), and unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). The cover features the recently upgraded cockpit with the latest avionics and tactical airborne equipment. The magazine also published a four-page article titled "Protecting Gold Country," showcasing the history, mission, and operational growth of the PCSO Air Support Unit and Falcon 30.

When Falcon 30 was put into service in 2009, the equipment installed on board was the most advanced of its kind in a public law enforcement helicopter. With the rapid advancement of technology within the last decade, most original equipment slowly became outdated and unserviceable by vendors. The PCSO Air Support Unit Air Operations Crew spent several months in 2020 researching, getting hands-on demos, and speaking with allied agency air operators about the pros and cons of their equipment. Through comprehensive analysis, the unit carefully selected advanced airborne tactical equipment to support Patrol, Search and Rescue, counter-drug missions, and surveillance efforts.

Unmanned Aircraft System Unit



The Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) unit had a busy year in 2020. In the roughly 14 months of the donor-funded program's operation, UAS pilots have flown approximately 100 missions. Missions flown include search warrants, fire calls, search and rescue missions, in-progress crimes and fleeing suspects. The unmanned aircraft systems have also successfully assisted in capturing several fleeing suspects, providing overwatch during the execution of search warrants, providing valuable intelligence to fire personnel during critical fire incidents, and assisting the Special Enforcement Team (SET) with dangerous calls. The UAS unit is currently working on implementing Pix4D technology, which will allow for rapid three-dimensional documentation of a crime scene, similar to the FARO scanner. Implementing this technology means the UAS unit can rapidly process a crime scene with the added benefit of high-altitude imaging. This imaging will be invaluable when reconstructing crime scenes for criminal prosecution.



Community Services Unit



2nd Annual Toy Drive at the South Placer Substation



The Community Services Unit resumed operations in Fall 2020, when schools began reopening. A large portion of the unit, including non-essential programs had not yet returned, but the unit did not let that slow it down. The unit recognized people in the community were struggling, and for the final few months of the year, focused on how to best serve those who needed a helping hand. The unit hosted its 2nd Annual Toy Drive benefitting foster children in Placer County and collected over 1,000 gifts! The unit also hosted its first "Adopt a Grandparent" donation drive to benefit senior citizens living at the Auburn Oaks Care Center. The drive was so successful it took three days and multiple trips to deliver all the donations. The unit was able to provide donations to four senior citizen care centers! Community Services also helped hand out more than 40 gift cards to families selected for Operation Secret Santa. In December, the Placer Sheriff's Activities League (PSAL) participated in the annual Shop with a Cop event. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, the unit was only permitted to take five kids, which is about half the number from previous years. School Resource Officers located kids in need, and the Community Services Unit took them shopping for school essentials. The Community Services Unit was honored to bring a few bright moments to community members amidst the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.





Auburn Dive Team



The Auburn Dive Team welcomed Deputy Evan Miller, who brings valuable skills and technical experience. The team also added three volunteer Placer County Search and Rescue (SAR) Mountain Rescue Team (MRT) members to the team to assist with technical and dynamic rescues. The Auburn Dive Team welcomed three new civilian members. Their skills and commitment to protecting the community alongside deputies has made the Auburn Dive Team stronger and more equipped to handle challenging rescues.



Auburn Dive Team members at the Middle Fork of the American River

Member of the Auburn Dive Team in deep waters



2020 marked a busy year for the Auburn Dive Team. The team responded to **10** emergency callouts in and around Placer County waterways. Many rescues took place in the Middle Fork of the American River, with mutual aid provided by the Placer County Fire Department (PCFD)/CAL Fire Technical Rescue Team.

The pandemic posed challenges for team members who couldn't actively participate in community events to promote water safety. However, team members collaborated with the Sheriff's Office Social Media team to promote water safety and the dangers some of our beautiful waterways present.

The Auburn Dive Team works in conjunction with the PCFD/CAL Fire Technical Rescue Team and California State Parks to better deploy water rescue resources for the community. This training and implementation began in Spring 2019, and gained momentum leading to the inception of the first law enforcement/fire water rescue and recovery team in PCSO history.

Off-Highway Vehicle Unit

In 2020, the OHV Unit was deployed 15 times throughout high-country areas.



The Off Highway Vehicle (OHV), purchased in 2020 and funded by California grants, operates year-round. Snow tracks and doors are installed on the OHV for winter operations, which is the most cost-effective and safest way to patrol Placer County's vast high-country. Winter operations enable the OHV Unit to provide additional patrol services to Placer County outdoor enthusiasts, and assist with rescue operations during critical incidents or severe weather. Winter and summer patrol deputies specifically target OHV safety laws, education, and California state registration requirements.

The OHV Unit assisted with Special Enforcement Team (SET) missions and Search and Rescue (SAR) operations in Placer County, and in neighboring counties. PCSO's OHV was utilized to shuttle law enforcement personnel into remote areas with rough terrain, which allowed personnel to get into those areas faster, safely, and more efficiently.



Mounted Patrol Unit



Deputy Boyer & Max



The Mounted Patrol Unit welcomed Deputy Brad Boyer and his Percheron, Max, to the team. Deputy Boyer and Max, who is approximately 18 years old, joined the Placer County Sheriff's Office with multiple years of experience from the Irvine Police Department. The unit had the opportunity to participate in multiple details in 2020, including the North Lake Tahoe area Fourth of July celebrations. The unit was honored to be asked back to the Westfield Galleria Mall for the second year in a row, working the biggest shopping day of the year, Black Friday, and every weekend leading to Christmas Day.



Winston



Picasso



The unit added two new horses to their lineup in 2020; eight-year-old Paint horse, Picasso, and eight-year-old Palomino Quarter horse, Winston.

PLACER COUNTY
Sheriff's Office



FEATURES

-  **MOST WANTED**
-  **COVID-19 RESOURCES**
-  **JAIL ROSTER**
-  **PUSH NOTIFICATIONS**

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Available on the  **Google Play** and  **App Store**

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Social Media Team



The Social Media Team produced several special video projects highlighting stories within PCSO and in the community throughout 2020. The team produced a notable and heartwarming story about the Hostage Negotiation Team (now known as the Crisis Negotiation Team) reuniting a retired Lieutenant, who served on the HNT team, with an individual she helped talk off the Forestill Bridge, about 20 years ago. The team also highlighted the Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) and how PCSO is involved with responding to and helping citizens going through a mental health crisis.

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Multiple vehicles parked at Yankee Jim's causing a public safety hazard



Strict COVID-19 guidelines caused people throughout the region to seek reprieve from sheltering in place. A popular Tik Tok video of the Yankee Jim's swimming hole caused an influx of visitors. Yankee Jim's Bridge can safely accommodate ten parked vehicles, but the rise in popularity drew over three-hundred visitors, causing a public safety hazard.

The PCSO Social Media Team quickly collaborated with CHP Gold Run, PCFD/CAL Fire, and California State Parks to provide a public outreach video about the dangers associated with blocking ingress and egress of the area in the event of a critical incident or fire.



The Social Media Team reached more than **20 million** people across Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. When Governor Newsom announced a statewide lockdown in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the team worked hard to craft messages and public service announcements about what that meant for the citizens of Placer County. The team continued to keep the community informed about future developments relating to the pandemic, and how it affected operations at PCSO.



In July, the Social Media Team won the Award of Distinction for Long-Form Video Production of a Large Population. The award was

presented to the Placer County Sheriff's Office by the California Association of Public Information Officials, for PCSO's recruitment video - a collaboration with the Placer County Communications Team. The video is a representation of the people and community that make PCSO a destination agency for employment.

Crime Analysis Unit

Critical Infrastructure Map Points Entry Form

Critical infrastructure potentially impacted by COVID-19.

Agency*

-Please Select-

Type of Infrastructure*

Government Facility - law/fire stations, other government buildings

Hospital/Clinic - as stated

COVID-19 Specific Activity - testing sites, etc

Community Outreach - publicly available assistance such as Food Banks

Distribution/Warehouse - distribution centers & supply warehouses

Service Facility - service facilities such as Public Works, utilities, etc

COVID-19 Non-Compliance - habitual non-compliance of Health Officer orders

☐ Government Facility

☐ Hospital/Clinic

☐ COVID-19 Specific Activity

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☐ Distribution/Warehouse

☐ Service Facility

☐ COVID-19 Non-Compliance

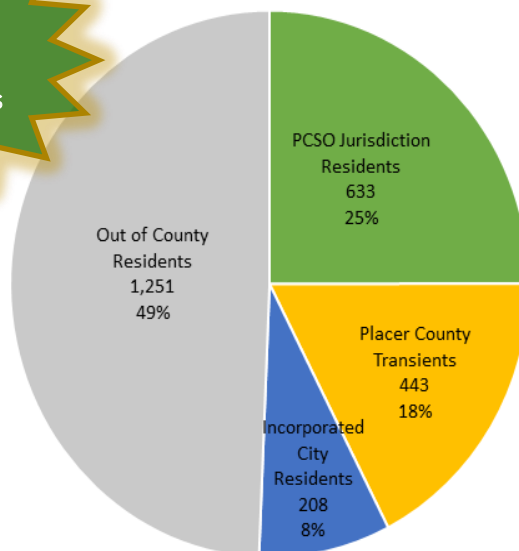
☐ Other

2,535

Total Arrests

The CAU analyzed information about arrests made in 2020. The data revealed PCSO Deputies made 2,535 arrests, and nearly half of the involved subjects resided outside the county.

2020 PCSO Bookings by Residency



When the Emergency Operations Center was activated due to COVID-19, the Crime Analysis Unit (CAU) was requested to assist. The unit developed an interagency system for Law, Fire, and County Public Works departments county-wide to add critical infrastructure points to a digital map that was shared to all first responders across the county. Crime Analyst Cassie Dailey and Sergeant Ty Conners were invited to present their Critical Infrastructure mapping project at the annual Esri User's

Virtual Conference, where the presentation was showcased remotely.



When PG&E began their Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events over the summer, CAU assisted in development of a county PSPS Dashboard showing the location, duration, and affected infrastructure for each event, allowing deputies to prepare for possible issues within their respective beats.

Throughout the year, the CAU assisted with more than 170 cases, producing bulletins, threat assessments, photo lineups, timelines, maps, and operational intelligence.

CAU responded to over 300 requests ranging from internal statistics to nationwide manhunts.



South Placer Jail

On May 19th, the Placer County Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) to provide Jail Based Competency Treatment (JBCT). The 15 male-bed felony JBCT program is housed in an existing unit at the South Placer Jail, until a permanent Mental Health Facility is constructed. Placer County's JBCT program is a collaboration between DSH, Placer County Health and Human Services, Wellpath, and the Placer County Sheriff's Office.

The first inmate/patients were inducted in September 2020, when Placer County JBCT admitted 14 inmate/patients and restored 6 to competency. Restoring inmates to competency locally during COVID-19 has been critically important, as those who are in the program would be on a DSH transfer waiting list without treatment, which could take up to a year.



32 Days—Average restoration to competency in Placer County

62 Days—Average restoration to competency Statewide

Historically, inmates found to be incompetent to stand trial (IST) were placed on a list for transfer to DSH for treatment. The state's backlog of inmate/patients waiting for placement has increased dramatically over the last several years. DSH began to fund local programs to restore inmate/patients to competency to address the issues of inmate/patient regression in county jails while awaiting transfer to DSH for treatment.



The Placer County Sheriff's Office South Placer Jail received and processed a total of **6,158** inmates and administered **1,276** COVID-19 tests to inmates.



In 2020, more than **700,000** inmate and juvenile meals were prepared for both jail facilities. The inmates' participation in these programs is highly sought after as it provides an opportunity to work off a portion of their sentence.

In March 2020, the South Placer Jail began to change operations to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and protect the inmate population. Changes included reducing programs that brought inmates into direct contact with the outside public, such as the Minimum-Security Barracks work crews, and classes that utilized outside instructors. Other programs including life skills and job readiness were also forced to be put on hold due to the pandemic.

The implementation of video chaplain visits and video school lessons enabled inmates to continue their education. The South Placer Jail also assisted multiple inmates in receiving a GED or advancing their education.



In partnership with Wellpath, the South Placer Jail increased the scope of the Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program for Opioid Addiction. The program aims to increase the ability of individuals to be successful in overcoming opioid addiction upon their release, and utilizes important relationships with local medical providers in the community.



When the pandemic began, female inmate-workers and jail staff worked countless hours to sew more than **4,000** cloth masks. The masks were distributed throughout the Sheriff's Office and to the community.



Auburn Jail

The Auburn Corrections Division began working closely with the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) and under the direction of the Placer County Public Health Director to ensure compliance with best practices to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. A working team effort with an epidemiologist from the State of California and cooperation from our contracted medical provider worked tirelessly to adapt to the threat of the virus.



Enhanced cleaning procedures were initiated in inmate housing areas and booking, and a medical health station for all employees coming into work was put into place. Enhanced medical screening for all arrestees who may have been symptomatic or exposed to known COVID-19 positive individuals was used to identify arrestees at high risk. Personal protective equipment (PPE), including masks was required for inmates and staff who could not maintain proper social distancing. Information for inmates was provided in all housing units to keep those in custody informed of the latest information regarding COVID-19. At the beginning of the pandemic, the Sheriff's Office launched a publicly accessible dashboard tracking COVID-19 cases in both correctional facilities.



The Placer County Sheriff's Office Auburn Jail received and processed a total of **2,323** inmates and administered **1,106** COVID-19 tests to inmates.



2020 has been the most challenging year regarding population management since the implementation of AB109 in 2012, which forced county jails to house sentenced CDCR state prisoners to alleviate state

prison overcrowding. Both facilities in Auburn and South Placer had an average of 80 prisoners awaiting transfer to state correctional facilities. The Classification Unit typically uses an objective system to determine inmate security levels and housing by an inmate's level of sophistication, charges, gang status, etc. However, through the direction of our partners in county public health and our medical contractor, a plan to develop a quarantine housing area for fresh arrests, intakes, or housing for COVID-19 positive inmates was implemented. Classification was quickly tasked with developing quarantine housing units for male and female inmates, effectively placing them into quarantine 14 days before transitioning into their regular classification housing.



Major projects completed in 2020 included completing the H/I and L/M tank retrofit; this equipped the unit with modern features and a program dorm. This will allow inmates the opportunity to acquire job and educational skills for use in future employment upon release. The Auburn Jail also benefitted from the installation of a new power generator that replaced an antiquated system. The new generator provides additional safety and operational functionality to ensure jail operations can continue without interruption.



2020 was a productive year for the Jail Training Program. The team successfully processed 8 correctional officers and 13 deputy sheriffs for a total of 21 new hires completing jail training.

2020 was also a challenging year for training in the Corrections Division. Corrections was the first division in the Sheriff's Office to resume training using Placer County's COVID-19 precautions. Corrections staff adapted to the training changes and successfully maintained their readiness. The Corrections Division resumed training in August 2020 and finished in October 2020 with a tremendous CPR-First Aid/ Tactical-Medical Class. The Corrections Division displayed the highest level of professionalism and enthusiasm during this period.

Additionally, Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) members were utilized during the Standards of Training in Corrections (STC) training for line staff. CIRT members designed and proctored scenario-based training which enabled staff to be better prepared to handle their day-to-day encounters.

Court Security and Transportation Units



The Court Security Unit was challenged with constant change and innovation in 2020. One of the most significant changes was the implementation of remote video appearances at the Auburn and South Placer Jails. Working with the Information Technology team, Court Security was able to implement this process in record time. It allowed the unit to keep court hearings available to inmates during the COVID-19 pandemic. The unit also conducted jury selection outside the courthouses, utilizing a local high school and college amphitheater to accommodate state mandated social distancing guidelines. Several of the court houses the unit provides services to experienced peaceful protests in 2020, which the court security unit monitored.



The greatest challenge the unit faced was keeping up with constant change and additional staffing needs at new locations due to COVID-19 protocols.

The Court Security Unit pulled together with exceptional professionalism and provided services for every court request.



The Transportation Unit was greatly impacted by the pandemic in 2020. While the number of inmates transported was significantly reduced (nearly 75% less than 2019), the total number of miles travelled was not!



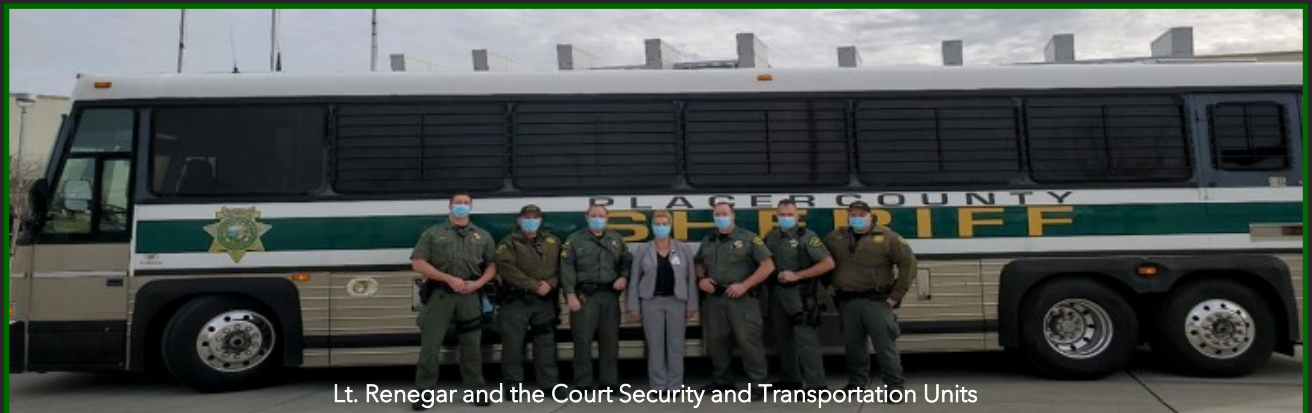
216,341

Miles traveled in 2020

This is equivalent to traveling from the West to the East Coast more than one-hundred times!

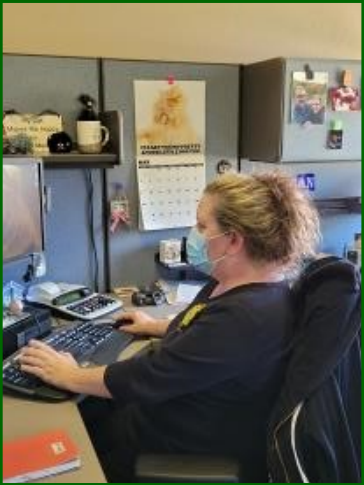
The reduction of inmates was based on a variety of factors to include: the temporary closure of CDCR to county jail inmates, newly arrested inmates appearing for court proceedings via video, and limited inmate movement between the Auburn and South Placer Jails.

The Transportation Unit was only permitted to transfer a total of 100 inmates to CDCR. That is only 32% of the total number of inmates transported in 2019. With all the changes in 2020, the Transportation Unit was able to extradite **30** inmates from **10** states. Utilizing proper PPE for our staff and inmates, the Transportation Unit has worked diligently to keep everyone safe while focusing on the needs of the criminal justice system.



Lt. Renegar and the Court Security and Transportation Units

Corrections Support Unit



The Corrections Support Unit contracted with Summit Food Services to implement the Fresh Express program. This program offers special ordered meals that inmates can order/purchase once a week. Since the implementation of this program, the Jail Accounting and Inmate Services units have processed **6,395** meal orders for the Corrections Division.

2020 also brought challenges and continuous process changes caused by the pandemic, but the Corrections Support Unit partnered with the custody team to effectively respond to the pandemic and implemented additional procedures to protect inmates and staff.



Inmate Services clerks, working with off-site vendors to assist inmates with the commissary process and account reconciliation,

processed **16,163** web commissary orders in 2020.



The Custody and Administrative Legal Clerk teams processed and booked over **6,000** arrestees.

They also facilitated **3,927** professional video and onsite visits, in addition to **11,815** personal video visits.

The unit successfully handled modifications made to multiple areas including: the reception area, remote visiting for personal and professional visits, onsite visits for professional visitors only, warrant processing, the booking of inmates, commissary services, accounting, notary, and court liaison services.

The Court Liaison Unit, now comprised of Senior Administrative Legal Clerks, processed **1,213** sentencing orders, in addition to thousands of orders pertaining to future court dates, court-ordered releases, and bail amount changes.



Accounting technicians managed inmates' accounts and the Inmate Welfare Fund, in addition to providing them with notary services. In 2020, they processed **199** notary requests.

Administrative Services Unit

FY19/20 Total Budget
\$148,786,735

FY19/20 Budget



■ Sheriff's Grants ■ Tahoe Operations ■ Protection & Prevention
■ Administration & Support ■ Support Services ■ Corrections (Auburn & SPJ)

\$ in millions

The Human Resources Unit was dedicated and focused on the specific needs of the Sheriff's Office staff throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the pandemic caused additional hurdles, the unit remained steadfast in its mission to carry out essential HR functions. The HR unit kept Command Staff apprised of changing County HR COVID-19 protocols and dispersed information throughout the agency to ensure the safety of all staff members.

PCSO Personnel

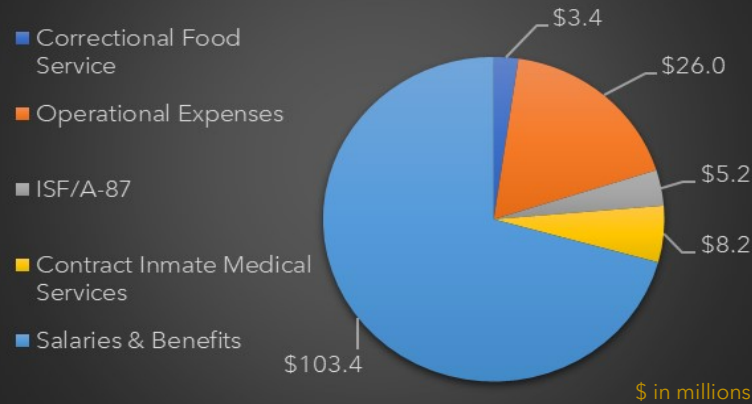
Interviewed	269
Deputy Sheriff Trainee I/II	82
Correctional Officer	112
Professional Staff	75
Backgrounds Issued	109
Permanent Hires	42
Deputy Sheriff Trainee I/II	18
Correctional Officer	10
Professional Staff	14
Promotions	48
Competitive	26
Non-Competitive	22



In June 2020, the Placer County Sheriff's Office welcomed Jerry Rogers as the new Administrative Services Manager. Jerry comes from the private sector,

where he managed operations for a large facility. Throughout his 21 years there, he was responsible for overseeing and managing the facility's budget, staff, and operations. Jerry prioritizes excellent customer service and understands the value behind developing and maintaining strong interpersonal relationships.

FY19/20 Total Sheriff's Office Expenditures

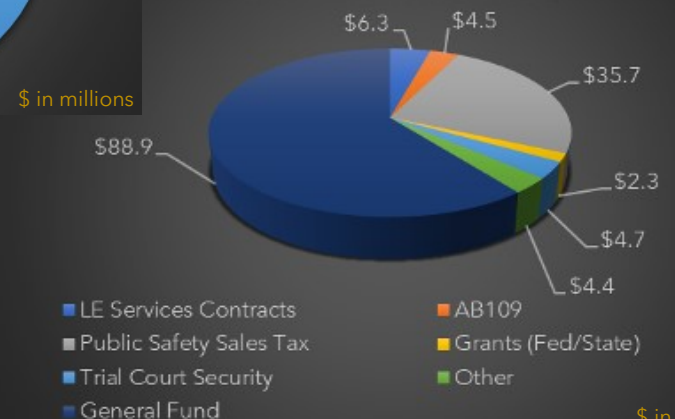


The Fiscal Unit is tasked with managing the Sheriff's Office budget each year. In 2020, the Sheriff's Office received close to \$150,000,000 to allocate to its divisions, including Protection and Prevention, Corrections, Tahoe Operations, and Support Services.



In 2020, the Placer County Sheriff's Office interviewed **269** individuals for positions including Deputy Sheriff, Correctional Officer, and Professional Staff. 109 background checks were issued from those interviews, and 42 permanent hires were made.

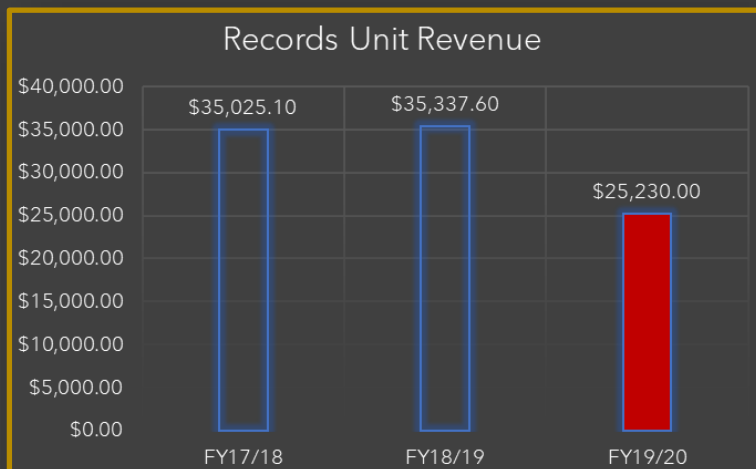
FY19/20 Revenues



\$ in millions

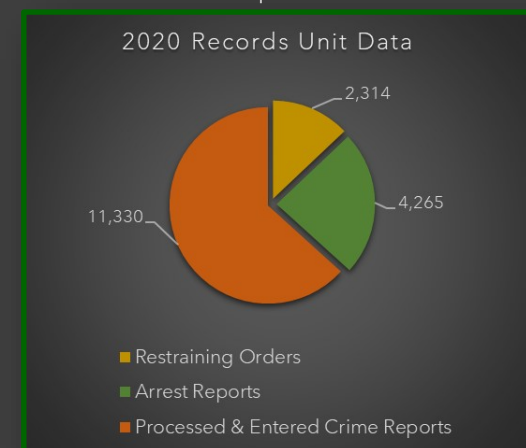
Records Unit

Due to the unprecedented conditions presented by the pandemic, the Records Unit adjusted services and had limited interactions with the public; Live Scan and fingerprinting were also suspended. Due to the reduction in services, the unit lost approximately ten-thousand dollars in revenue. Despite the challenges, the Records Unit still processed 2,314 Restraining orders, 4,265 arrest reports, and 11,330 crime reports. While other processes were put on hold or modified, the Records Unit successfully brought on two new systems OnBase and NextRequest.



OnBase replaced the document storage program SIRE. All reports and citations are scanned into the system and can be searched and readily retrieved by PCSO staff.

NextRequest is a portal designed to help the public communicate with PCSO about what documents they are seeking and how to conveniently obtain them. The system provided the unit with the capability to track and process Public Records Act requests within the state-mandated time frame.

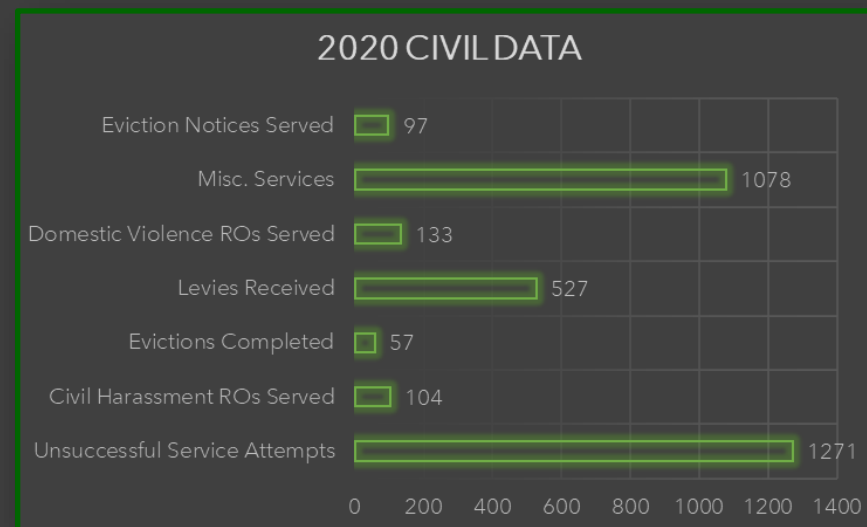


Civil Unit

2020 brought extremely trying times for the Civil Unit.

COVID-19 shut the unit down to the public for over six months, with the exception of restraining order (ROs) services. Landlords quickly learned they were not allowed to evict under any circumstances per the Governor's Emergency Order and Eviction Moratorium. For almost six months, the Civil Unit fielded numerous calls from landlords demanding removal of tenants from their residences. The Civil Unit opened fully to the public (including eviction services with certain restrictions) in October 2020.

During the closure, the Civil Unit received training for and installed a new civil software program. County Suite Sheriff was installed with the go-live date of July 1, 2020. This new software program replaced the retiring and very outdated Sirron program used by almost all counties within the state. The new software brought a more streamlined process for data entry, improved accounting features, and responsive customer service capabilities.



Dispatch



The dispatch center worked tirelessly through the challenges brought on throughout 2020. Dispatch continued to handle multiple high-priority incidents during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each dispatcher showed the utmost commitment to the Sheriff's Office and the community. They continued to report to work daily to ensure the citizens of Placer County were able to reach essential emergency services in their time of need.

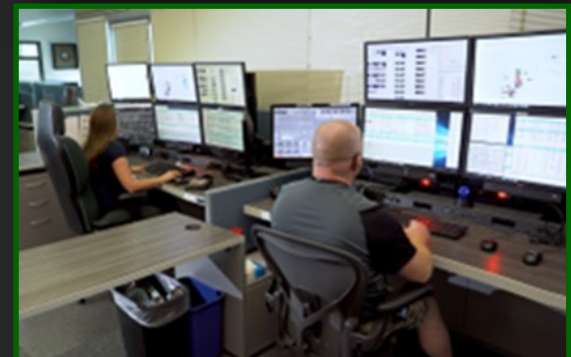
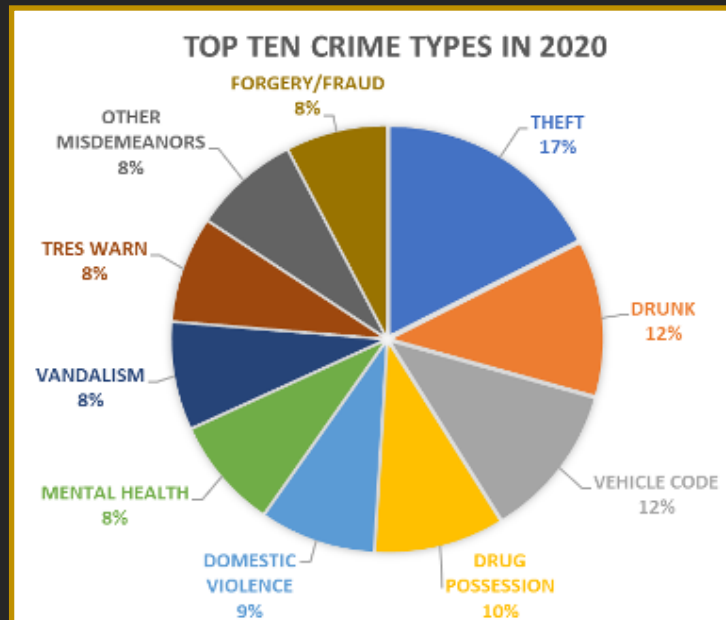
The dispatch center processed over **200,000** phone calls with just over **48,000** of those being 911 calls.

Tactical dispatchers also responded to multiple callouts with the Special Enforcement Team (SET). With the ongoing changes that have occurred because of the pandemic, PCSO's dispatchers continued to learn, evolve, and adapt to the needs of the Sheriff's Office and the community.

In 2020, the California Legislature passed

AB 1945—Emergency Services: First Responders Bill

The Bill now recognizes Public Safety Dispatchers as First Responders. The thin yellow line is representative of dispatcher's heroic work and honors dispatchers across the state.



Evidence Unit



Site where Christie's remains were found

had worked the case since her disappearance.

"It's really a story about hope and faith and the importance of fostering relationships and never giving up."

- Debbie Boyd, Christie Wilson's mother

On October 20, 2020, Christie's family presented staff with a beautiful plaque to show their gratitude, which is proudly displayed at the Sheriff's Office.

The most remarkable recovery in 2020 was that of Christie Lynn Wilson's remains. Her skeletal remains were discovered on August 20, 2020, buried 100 yards from the defendant, Mario Garcia's former home.

Christie had been missing since leaving Thunder Valley Casino on October 5, 2005.

Locating her remains brought closure to the family and everyone involved, including two evidence technicians who



Pictured: Christie Wilson's mother, Debbie Boyd, and family



The Evidence Unit started the year off with a unique case involving a young lady who thought her ring had

unexplainably exploded. It was actually a shooting case where a stray bullet entered through her wall and hit her ring on her finger while folding laundry. She did not realize what happened until she found the bullet on the floor the following day. Her finger was a little sore for a day or two but thankfully she had no significant injuries.



CCW Unit



2020 was a busy year for the Concealed Carry Weapons (CCW) Unit due to COVID-19, causing a temporary halt of in-person interviews beginning in March. The unit continued to process renewal and modification applications during that time, but in-person interviews did not resume until June. The unit received more than double the amount of new applications compared to 2019. In 2020, the CCW Unit received **1,801** new applications, processed **2,462** renewals, and **533** modifications. To help with a large number of new applications, the unit introduced video interviews to help shorten the wait time for applicants.

A general manager of a local business wrote in stating, "I am aware this lockdown has put a strain on a lot of government services, which makes our jobs out here on the private sector more difficult. Some agencies have stepped up while others are floundering. I am refreshed by the interaction I had with your department and hope you will pass along my sincere thanks to your staff in the CCW division."

Information Technologies Unit



The Information Technologies Unit continued to support the wide-ranging technology and systems at the Sheriff's Office, in 2020. This included more than **60** software systems, and the support of more than **500** PCs/laptops, **200** mobile devices, **100**



servers, and nearly five petabytes of video storage; *that's equivalent to more than 4.5 billion floppy disks.*

Like many other IT organizations in 2020, the unit reacted quickly to provide secure remote access to key office staff that temporarily transitioned to new remote work requirements.

Additionally, the unit successfully implemented several essential software systems including a new civil management software program, Automated Emergency Medical Response for dispatch, and the replacement of the Electronic Document Management system. Research and contracting work was also accomplished for current and future systems including inmate cell checks, jail management, and body-worn camera systems, among others. The unit is proud of its role in supporting Placer County Sheriff's Office personnel, public safety partners, and community.

Professional Standards Unit

The Professional Standards Unit met new challenges and faced more responsibilities with great success in 2020. The most significant accomplishments included coordinating personal protection equipment (PPE) logistics at the Emergency Operations Center, activated by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.



The unit continued to ensure organizational adherence to new California State Legislative mandates related to use of force while maintaining constant policy and procedure analysis.

The unit extended its expertise and assisted other divisions within the Sheriff's Office that were inundated with the impact and changes of COVID-19 protocols. Some of these accomplishments included assisting with the implementation of video interviews for the CCW unit, coordinating and issuing fire gear to patrol staff, conducting background investigations for new hires, and a statewide law enforcement body-worn camera survey.

Notable Events

rented a boat out of South Lake Tahoe. In August 2020, an unoccupied boat was found floating off the East Shore of Lake Tahoe in Douglas County's jurisdiction. The Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Marine Patrol Unit and the South Lake Tahoe Police Department (SLTPD) discovered a lone subject who had rented the boat from Ski Run Marina approximately ten hours earlier. DCSO and SLTPD investigators discovered a cell phone and a tripod on the boat. Cell phone video revealed the subject had recorded himself jumping into the water while the boat was still in gear and was unable to make it back to the boat, eventually drowning.



Marine 6 deputies assisted the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and DCSO by providing area security for the boats involved in the search. One of Marine 6's goals was to create a moving perimeter to keep recreational boats away from the search area. Once we discovered the victim was more likely to be found in Placer County's jurisdiction, Tahoe's Dive Team members joined the search.

In late September, the victim was located at the bottom of Lake Tahoe by WCSO's remotely operated vehicle (ROV). The victim was in Placer County's jurisdiction, in 1,551 feet of water. It took close to a full day to carefully raise the victim to the surface to accomplish this recovery. This is the deepest body recovery on record and was accomplished in large part by the sophisticated ROVs operated by Washoe and Douglas Counties and their crews, along with the tenacity and perseverance of our Marine 6 crew, members of the Tahoe Dive Team, our Coroner's Unit, and the other law enforcement agencies involved.



OPERATION SECRET SANTA 2020



Thanks to an anonymous Placer County donor, the Placer County Sheriff's Office was able to carry out Operation Secret Santa for the second year in a row!

The program allowed deputies to lend a helping hand to individuals and families in need during their shift. The Sheriff's Office paid forward \$12,200 in Secret Santa gift cards to Placer County community members who could use the financial assistance.

The COVID-19 pandemic certainly affected many people across the county, including Granite Bay resident Sonya Pina and her family. Sonya was evicted from her rental home of more than 12 years in August 2020 and forced to live in her car with her son and daughter. Her son would go to a friend's house to use the internet for his school Zoom meetings. Sonya told deputies she was saving up for an apartment for her family, so deputies gave her several Secret Santa gift cards to help. A Placer County citizen who read Sonya's story on Facebook felt compelled to help; she provided Sonya and her family with a generous monetary gift for an extended stay at a local hotel. Additionally, the citizen wanted to ensure Sonya and her family had a roof over their head for the holidays and into the New Year. She was able to collect monetary donations from her neighborhood and secured a longer stay for Sonya and her family.

The Sheriff's Office is grateful for the generosity and support of the community, who came together during such a challenging time to help others in need. We look forward to brightening the holidays of many more Placer County citizens in 2021!



PCSO Deputies with Sonya Pina and her son.

Notable Events



On behalf of the **Placer 10-35 Foundation**, Chief Deputy Coroner Batine Ramirez (President of 10-35) and Sheriff Devon Bell presented Carol Garcia of the Placer Breast Cancer Foundation with a \$1,000 check in October 2020. The 10-35 Foundation was launched in 2001 by Placer County Sheriff's deputies when the Sheriff's Office struggled with multiple tragedies.

The funds for this donation were raised from the pink PCSO patch proceeds collected earlier in the year. We want to thank our fantastic community for giving us the ability to donate to the Placer Breast Cancer Foundation.

Placer County Sheriff's deputies and correctional officers participated in the Annual Shop with a Cop (SWAC) event, at Roseville Target. Law enforcement officers were paired with disadvantaged youth from our community to help them shop for clothes, personal necessities, and gifts for themselves and their families. The recipients of SWAC were chosen based on their academics, crime-free lifestyle, positive attitude, and financial need. Additionally, they were nominated by school officials, law enforcement, and other community members.



PLACER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Overwhelming Community Support for "Adopt-A-Grandparent"

PCSO's "Adopt-A-Grandparent" drive was one of the most successful donation drives the Sheriff's Office has had. The community's donations helped senior residents at the Auburn Oaks Care Center, Rock Creek Care Center, and Gladding Ridge Assisted Living. Each recipient said they were so touched by the love shown by our community. A special shout out to the Adventure Club at Vencil Brown School, where the children gathered a whole car full of gifts for the drive!

How To Use

Type "911" in the "To" field.

Include your location in your first text.

Keep texts brief and concise.

Write in plain English with no abbreviations or emojis.

Write in English only, interpretation is not yet available.

Send your text to 911 only, do not send to multiple people.

When To Use

You're deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability.

You're in a situation where it's not safe to call 9-1-1 for help.

You're having a medical emergency and cannot speak on the phone.



In October 2020, the Placer County Sheriff's Office Dispatch and Social Media team launched Text to 9-1-1.

The service gives hearing and speech-impaired residents, or people in situations where it is too dangerous to talk, a potentially lifesaving option.

Texts are routed to a nearby 9-1-1 dispatch center the same way a 9-1-1 call is routed. Mobile phone users living in or traveling through Placer County can utilize this valuable service. To use Text to 9-1-1, mobile users enter "911" in the "To" field of a new text message; the first text should be brief and contain the location of the emergency and type of help needed. Text messages should be sent in plain language and not contain popular abbreviations (i.e. "OMG") or emojis, which will not be recognized. Photos and videos cannot be sent to 911.

Remember, call if you can, text if you can't.



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